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BURNOUT OPERATIONS POSTPONED IN BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON

Big Cottonwood Canyon, Utah, August 22, 2016 – The Forest Service has postponed burnout operations for the Mineral Fork Fire in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Resources and personnel essential to the operation's success have been redirected to a higher priority fire assignment on the forest. A date to conduct the burnout operations has not been scheduled. Crews will continue to monitor the 12.5 acre fire.

The Mineral Fork Trail will remain **CLOSED** until firefighting operations are complete for both firefighter and public safety. The trail is closed to all uses. Hikers and hunters in the Mill B drainage are reminded to stay out of the fire area. Copies of the closure orders are posted at the affected trailheads and other strategic locations throughout the canyon. A copy of the order is also available at the Salt Lake Ranger District Office located at 6944 S. 3000 E. Cottonwood Heights.

The Forest Service continues to partner with Unified Fire Authority, The Nature Conservancy, and the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands in the management of the Mineral Fork Fire. Updates will be provided by the Forest Service when conditions change related to closures and fire activity.

For more information about the Salt Lake Ranger District, please visit: http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/uwcnf/about-forest/districts/?cid=fsem_035528

*****Please exercise caution along Big Cottonwood Canyon Road for firefighter and public safety*****

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